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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Park DATE TYPED 2/23/05 HB 1019

SHORT TITLE Motor Vehicle Quality Warranty Enforcement SB _____

ANALYST Wilson

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
			NFI		

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Public Safety (DPS)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 1019 reduces the time to notify the sellers in case of used vehicle malfunctions or problems during warranty period.

The bill adds in addition to all other remedies available, if a seller does not honor a warranty, the purchaser may recover from the seller additional statutory damages of \$1 thousand.

Significant Issues

The bill shortens the time, from 30 days to 15 for a consumer to notify the seller of a used car that the vehicle has problems covered by the warranty.

There is an additional \$1 thousand possible exposure for sellers.

DW/yr